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CONGRATULATIONS

"BIG AL"

We are pleased to know that our past president of Matanuska-Susitna College is being honored by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, March 30, 1989.

Mr. Al Okeson (Big Al) is to be recognized at the President's Academy Luncheon at the AACJC Convention. Al is to be recognized for his outstanding achievements while serving as president of Matanuska-Susitna College.

President Bush and his wife, Barbara will be in attendance at the luncheon. Mrs. Bush will participate in the awards ceremony.

Al, you're great! We're proud of you.

Matanuska-Susitna College Staff and Students

VOTING BEGINS TODAY!

STUDENT GOVERNMENT HOLDS ELECTION

About this time every year, Mat-Su college Student Government Council holds officers elections. Each student is sincerely urged to cast a vote. It's your school. Why not have a say in the ways student affairs are conducted. A vote for the canidate of your choice is a voice in Student Government. It's painless, and it's free!

The ballot box will be at the registration desk from Monday, March 21, thru Saturday, April 1. No April Fool. Guaranteed.

For the office of president, Rick Ball of computer lab fame is running against incumbent Mike Jacobs.

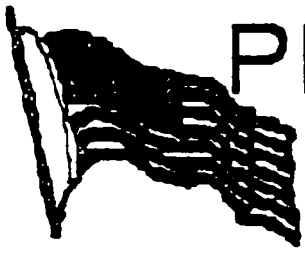
Tom Moore, Sharon Jones, and Marti Williams will battle it out for the veep position.

Christine Vaughan is running un-opposed for secretary.

Incumbent Kim Scott is running un-opposed for treasurer.

There is a space on the ballot for write-in canidates, and also at the bottom of the ballot is a space for comments.

We appreciate your votes and welcome your comments.



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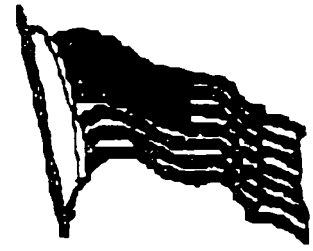

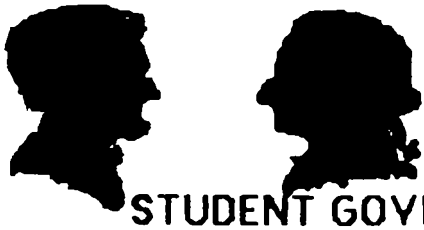

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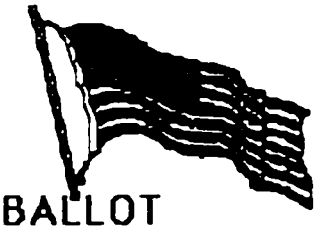

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION BALLOT

PRESIDENT: Incumbent, Mike Jacobs
VOTE FOR ONE

MIKE JACOBS ☐
Rick Ball ☐

VICE-PRESIDENT: No incumbent
VOTE FOR ONE

TOM MOORE ☐
SHARON JONES ☐
MARTI WILLIAMS ☐

SECRETARY: Un-apposed
VOTE FOR ONE.

CHRISTINE VAUGHAN ☐

TREASURER: Incumbent, Kim Scott
VOTE FOR ONE.

KIM SCOTT ☐

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

SAMPLE BALLOT

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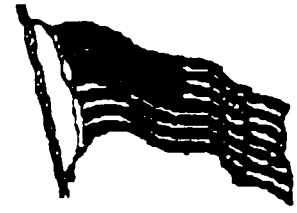

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CONGRATULATIONS MATANUSKA-SUSITNA COLLEGE GRADUATES!

MATTHEW SCOTT BRADY
TAMMY SUE GATES
ANITA L. MALLER
JEANETTE C. MCCULLOCH
DAWN ANN MUELLER
JAYNE MARIE SEAGRAVES
LADY PAMELA JANE WHATLEY
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CYNTHIA JUNE BOWER
MARLENE MARIE BROWN
VICKI LYNN FRITZLER
NANCY ELLEN JOHNSON
LYNN DIANE KRACKE
DIANE SANDRA KRATKY
SAM VICKILOU LESLIE
DENNIS R. LORDS
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PATRICK V. MAYER
LINDA ROSE MYERS
JAYNE MARIE SEAGRAVES
BRETT PIERSON
J. WADE ROMANS
DIANE WOELFEL
PETER WILLIAM ZELL

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

There were 1306 students enrolled in credit classes at Mat-Su last fall. This represents about a 17% increase over the fall 1987 statistics. This spring, when the final counts are made there will be close to 1400 individuals enrolled. Part of the increase is related to the upper division course offerings. Last semester there were nine upper division classes and this semester there are 17.

Mat-Su College students and members of the college advisory council have been writing personal notes and sending messages through the Legislative Information Office to our Legislators. Many have received answers from Juneau which indicate support for the upper division increment but point out the budget deficit and the fact that the overwhelming majority of voters do not want any new taxes and do not want the permanent fund touched. It poses a real dilemma since many voters want governmental costs cut and the college, as a part of the university, is a governmental agency. Any across the board percentage cuts would, of course, have a significant impact on the colleges' ability to respond to your educational needs.

On a more positive note we do have enough money left in the instructional budget to offer a small summer school. There will be about 12 classes. Actually that's about all we offer most summers. Work on the Fall Schedule has begun. If you have suggestions or recommendations please let us know.

Sincerely,

Glenn F. Massay

p.s. Registration for summer session will be April 27 - 28, with classes starting May 15th and continuing through July 1, 1989. Yes, schedules will be out prior to registration...

Alaska State Legislature

Senator Mike Szymanski

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MAT-SU COLLEGE NEWSPAPER
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To the Editor:

Thank you for your letter regarding school funding for the Mat-Su College. With the 1989 legislative session closing in on the halfway mark, work on the state budget and education funding top the list of my priorities.

The appropriations bill for early funding could be approved by the first week of April despite the difficulty of trying to balance the state budget in light of projected shortfalls.

My personal priorities in the past have been to first cut state spending and bureacracy and then to consider alternatives to raising revenues. I would certainly like to see funds appropriated in the State budget to fund more upper division classes. I will certainly put forth a great effort to make this possible as the March revenue forecasts become known.

We have cut state spending drastically the past two years. Further cuts are going to severely hurt either the state's economy or the living conditions of the people of this state in terms of basic services. I will do everything in my power to make sure the students and local colleges of this state do not bear the weight of those cuts.

I hope you will participate in the budget workshop scheduled Saturday, April 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood Elementary School. It is an opportunity to brainstorm and develop new budget and funding options for the State.

I look forward to seeing you on the 1st and working with you on other issues of mutual concern in the future.

Sincerely,

Senator Mike Szymanski

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ALL MSC STUDENTS AND STAFF:

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA COLLEGE IS LOOKING FOR AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION BY FILLING OUT A NOMINATION FORM TO BE FOUND IN BOTH THE CAFETERIA AND NEAR ADMISSIONS AND RECORDS. ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 3, 1989.

THE ONLY QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINEES ARE: 1) THE NOMINEE BE ENROLLED AT MSC FOR THE ENTIRE 88' - 89' SCHOOL YEAR, EITHER PART OR FULL TIME; 2) THAT YOU CONSIDER THIS STUDENT A VITAL PARTICIPANT IN MSC ACTIVITIES; AND 3) THAT YOU FEEL THIS STUDENT IS DESERVING OF THE TITLE, "STUDENT OF THE YEAR."

NOMINEE SELECTED "STUDENT OF THE YEAR" WILL RECEIVE DINNER FOR TWO AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT AND AN 8" BY 10" PHOTO PLACED IN THE SCHOOL'S SHOWCASE HONORING THIS ESTEEMED PERSON.

WE AT MSC FEEL ALL OUR STUDENTS ARE #1! YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ELECTION WILL SELECT THAT OUTSTANDING STUDENT TO REPRESENT THE MSC STUDENT BODY.

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STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Name of Nominee: _____

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STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Name of Nominee: _____

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ON EDUCATION, INCOME, AND THE JOBLESS:

FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF TABLE WHICH CONVEYS INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION RELATES TO AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS AND UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS. THE INFORMATION, WHICH COMES FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, APPLIES TO THE U.S. AS A WHOLE. NOTE THAT EARNINGS RISE AND UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS FOR THOSE WITH INCREASED LEVELS OF EDUCATION.

LEVEL OF EDUCATION	EARNINGS	PERCENT UNEMPLOYED
LESS THAN 4 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL	$16,605	11.6%
4 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL	$19,844	6.9%
1 TO 3 YEARS OF COLLEGE	$23,154	4.5%
4 OR MORE YEARS OF COLLEGE	$33,443	2.3%

Source: BLS Occupational Outlook Quarterly, Fall 1987.

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Mat-Su College Library News:

Balloons! Contests! Prizes! Refreshments!
And much, much more!
Come to the Library and join in the festivities
during Library Week, April 9th-15th.

And...be watching the Library bulletin board
for future announcements of the Al Okeson Library
dedication scheduled for May 5, 1989!

Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS. THANK YOU.